

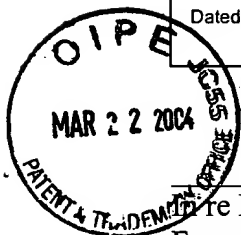
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTROLLING WAVEGUIDE
BIREFRINGENCE BY SELECTION OF A
WAVEGUIDE CORE WIDTH FOR A TOP
CLAD

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 22, 2003 (Paper No. 0903), for which a response was due on December 22, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 22, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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